

Henry Lawson of Glasgow, Kentucky. William passed away at the age of 97 on April 7, 2021.

William served our country in the United States Army during World War II. His military occupational specialty was Truck Driver, Light (345). William was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with three bronze service stars and bronze arrowhead, the American Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal as a testament to his valiant and honorable service in defense of our nation.

In addition to serving in the Army, William also was a farmer and school bus driver. Most importantly, he had a loving family. William is survived by children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and many other loving family members.

I would like to thank William for his service to our country and community.

**RECOGNIZING DIANNE GREFF FOR
HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE AS A
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER AND
NORTH JERSEY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF
THE UNITED STATES**

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dianne Greff, public school teacher and North Jersey Council President of the Navy League of the United States, for her lifetime of service to her students, her community, and to New Jersey.

Dianne's commitment to service began when she was 18 years old, when she enrolled at William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey, to study education and fulfill her dream of being a public school teacher. Upon her graduation in 1959, Dianne set off on her 40-year career as an educator, helping to shape the lives of thousands of New Jersey students. She was awarded the New Jersey Governor's Teacher of the Year Award before retiring in the early 2000s.

Dianne's impact on Passaic County extended beyond education. As President of the North Jersey Council of the United States Navy League, she worked to support America's Navy service members. The Navy League aids military families while spouses or parents are deployed, honors enlisted personnel, and adopts ships and shore commands. While Dianne was president of the New Jersey chapter, there were over 300 active members.

Later in life, Dianne committed herself to helping our seniors. She was elected the President of the Saint Mary's Active Senior Ministry in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. She also served on the Board of Trustees for the Golden Age Circle of Wayne, and advised the Mayor as a member of his Wayne Township Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

There was never a moment in Dianne's life when she wasn't trying her hardest to help other people. Whether for students, service members, veterans, seniors, or immigrants, Dianne went the extra mile to help them achieve their dreams or have a good life.

Dianne passed away on January 29, 2021. Her legacy will live on in all of the lives she

touched in Passaic County and across New Jersey. The world is a kinder, better place because of Dianne Greff.

**HONORING CAPTAIN BREANNA L.
KNUTSON**

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding service of Captain Breanna Knutson.

CAPT Breanna Knutson currently serves as the House of Representatives Liaison Officer for the Coast Guard. She ensures the Coast Guard's prompt response to the House's 435 members and staffs by coordinating and conducting policy briefs, preparing senior Coast Guard leaders for Congressional hearings and engagements, and planning and leading Congressional delegations to Coast Guard units throughout the country.

She previously served as The Chief Pilot and Operations Officer of Coast Guard Air Station Detroit where she directed the operations of 5 MH-65 Dolphin helicopters, 26 pilots and 35 air crew members in the conduct of Search and Rescue missions on the Great Lakes from the St. Lawrence Seaway to eastern Lake Michigan.

CAPT Knutson's first operational assignment was as a deck watch officer aboard USCGC MOHAWK in Key West, Florida. Following this assignment, CAPT Knutson was selected for Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida and began flight school the summer of 2001. She earned her wings in the fall of 2002.

In 2007 she earned a dual qualification in the Rotary Wing Air Intercept mission and deployed to the National Capitol Region ten times supporting National Security missions. In 2010 CAPT Knutson was assigned to the Coast Guard's Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron in Jacksonville, Florida where she conducted Airborne Use of Force—Counter Drug missions, deploying aboard four Coast Guard cutters in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Western Caribbean Sea.

In 2014 CAPT Knutson was selected as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Department of Homeland Security, Joint Task Force—East, the first ever Joint Task Force of its kind. In this capacity she supported the Director and Executive Leadership in executing the foundational processes of standing up a new unit tasked with improving the Department of Homeland Security's ability to operate as a unified team.

CAPT Knutson graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Human Resources Management from American Military University.

CAPT Breanna Knutson is a true American who chose to answer the call to serve our country. It is an honor to recognize her incredible service history that is a true depiction of her dedication to the United States Coast Guard. I wish her the best as she continues her service as Commanding Officer of Sector North Bend, Oregon.

IN HONOR OF KEN WHITE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker I rise today to recognize Ken White, the recently retired Executive Director of the Peninsula Humane Society. As Mr. White noted, he was retiring on his 469th birthday, as measured in dog years. He joined the Peninsula Humane Society in 2002 and his successes at this organization have been historic for this beloved organization.

Upon his arrival, Ken White and the Peninsula Humane Society guaranteed a home to every adoptable dog or cat in their care, a promise they have kept ever since. In 2003 the organization expanded its promise to include as many ill and injured and behaviorally challenged pets as possible. In 2005, the Humane Society purchased a mobile veterinary clinic and provided spay/neutering surgeries for animals in some of the most underserved communities in the county.

More than 22,000 households contribute to the work of the Peninsula Humane Society. The euthanasia rate has decreased 98 percent since 1970. 1200 volunteers allow PHS to function as an integral part of our community.

In 2006, Ken and his board bought an old Burlingame warehouse. Through a major gift and the loving care of volunteers, they were able to open this facility as the Center for Compassion to house charitably funded programs through state-of-the-art facilities. The progress is amazing. When Ken arrived in our community, the percentage of animals released live back into the community was 53 percent. Today, it is 89 percent. There are tens of thousands of peninsula animals who found their forever-home thanks to the kind heart and amazing fundraising talents of Ken White.

Not content to be an over-achieving humane organization, Ken, his board, employees and volunteers have set a reach goal. The organization now owns 260 acres of land in San Mateo County which will be turned into an animal sanctuary. It will be the first in our nation owned and operated by a humane society.

Ken has seen a tortoise survive being driven over by a vehicle, and today that tortoise thrives as Ken's pet. He watched a falcon be released into the wild after severe injuries were healed. Reptiles have been visitors to his home. He and his apparently patient wife, Carolyn Crane, have also taken in a pot-bellied pig and an Argentinian homed frog. If there was a wild party at Ken's home and the noise ever got to be too much, I'm sure there was always a pet or two that was more than willing to lay down the law to Ken.

Ken White got into the business of running animal shelters from an unusual background. He holds a Master's Degree in creative writing. After a series of jobs, he was eventually invited to create educational materials for a local shelter. As a child he was never allowed to own a pet, but then as a young man he was suddenly surrounded by animals. It was love at first sight.

As he leaves his longtime position, he goes out on a national high note. The 260 acre sanctuary in the San Mateo County mountains

will be for medically or behaviorally challenged dogs and cats with low adoption rates. This facility will be a huge step forward for those that are able to live out a full life, but without troublesome humans and their nitpicking rules as preconditions. So goes the dream of San Mateo County's Dr. Doolittle, the man who talks to our animals. I have long admired Ken White for his ingenuity and can-do spirit. The San Mateo community and I wish him well as he leaves his avid fans, of all breeds, behind. Undoubtedly there's a movie about Ken that will someday be released on Netflix: Ken White: Lifesaver, Tortoise Daddy and Snake Whisperer. Watch for it, streaming soon.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2862, THE CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT SUICIDE ACT, AND H.R. 2981, THE SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of two pieces of legislation, H.R. 2862, the Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act, and H.R. 2981, the Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021—both of which make critical investments to support suicide prevention efforts nationwide.

Rising suicide rates across the country, and especially in my home state of Texas, represent a growing concern in our communities. According to the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, Texas suicide rates have risen nearly 26 percent since 2000—and are the second leading cause of death for Texans aged 15 to 34. The cost of inaction on this issue is too high, and that is why I am encouraged that we are voting on these pieces of legislation today.

H.R. 2862, the Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act, will direct the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to carry out a national suicide prevention campaign. This campaign would include advocacy for an effort that I led last Congress, which would redesignate the National Suicide Prevention Hotline as a three-digit 9-8-8 number. This effort, which would shorten the previous 1-800 number, is an essential step towards simplifying access to critical resources for our constituents in their times of need.

H.R. 2981, the Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021, would further require HHS to develop a plan to ensure high-quality service through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Beyond a strategic plan, the bill would authorize additional funding for a network of local crisis centers that provide free support and assistance to those struggling with suicidal thoughts.

Madam Speaker, the passage of these two bills would have immediate and tremendous benefits—and could ultimately save lives. That is why I will support these bills, and why I urge their immediate consideration and passage in the Senate.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEFF HASTE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend, congratulate, and profusely thank Mr. Jeff Haste, upon the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners.

Few public servants have been as effective and innovative as Jeff Haste. When he became the Chairman in 2003, he took bold steps to cut costs and put county government on a path to fiscal responsibility, and held the line on taxes for an unprecedented ten straight years.

A conservative and pragmatic leader, Jeff consistently sought ways to support private sector growth. He established the first-of-its-kind infrastructure and land bank, to fund critical local projects, fight blight, and stimulate economic growth. He also saved the Harrisburg Sports and Outdoor Show—a major economic and tourism driver for the region—by securing a new producer and making the show the most successful to date.

As a testament to his leadership and initiative as county commissioner, Jeff was named the Harrisburg Regional Chamber (CCAP)'s Government Leader of the Year in 2006 and 2011. He also was awarded the CCAP 2016 Outstanding Commissioner of the Year, the National Association of Counties 2014 Achievement Award in the category of community/economic development, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association President's Award for the Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank, and the Harrisburg Riverboat Society 2013 Award for Distinguished Community Service, among myriad other accolades, commendations, and recognitions.

An avid outdoorsman and open space advocate, Jeff helped Dauphin County preserve almost 15,000 acres of farmland since 1992, under a program that began when he was chief clerk.

He also served as CCAP's 2014 president, representing all 67 counties in Pennsylvania, before becoming Chairman of the Board in 2015. He was Chairman of the Susquehanna Township Recreation Board in 2001, and served on the Township's zoning hearing board. In 2012, he was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation.

Jeff, also active in the Boy Scouts, coaches youth soccer and baseball, and is involved with many other community and professional organizations. After graduating in 1977 from Lewistown Area High School, he attended Shippensburg University, and graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice and Law Enforcement, while serving as class president all four years, and earning Dean's List honors. Jeff is a devoted husband to his wife, Maria, father of four, and grandfather of three.

Once again, on behalf of the Citizens of the 10th Congressional District, I'm honored to congratulate and sincerely thank Commissioner Jeff Haste for his tireless, dedicated,

and selfless service to the County of Dauphin, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America, and I wish him Godspeed on his future.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE TAYLOR, TEXAS ROTARY CLUB

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to honor and celebrate the Taylor Rotary Club's century of extraordinary service. Founded on May 10, 1921 by twenty-five charter members, the Club has made lasting and monumental contributions toward making Central Texas a great place to call home.

Throughout their century of service, the Club has helped where help is needed—in their own communities and around the world—with unmatched integrity and energy. When the Taylor Rotary Club gets involved, problems get smaller and communities get better.

The Club has been instrumental in the creation of public parks, Taylor's first Boy Scout organization, and numerous philanthropic campaigns. Their continued participation in the Baylor Scott and White Blood Drive, Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and numerous college and vocational scholarships to local students show the Taylor Rotary Club truly lives out its motto of "Service Above Self."

A century after its creation, the Taylor Rotary Club has touched countless lives for the better and continues to make positive impacts on those it's dedicated to serve. I celebrate 100 years of incredible civic involvement and join all Central Texas in wishing this great organization nothing but the best in the decades to come.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER ERIC TALLEY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for his community. On March 22, Officer Eric Talley courageously confronted a gunman in the Boulder King Soopers. By racing to the scene and not hesitating to directly confront the armed suspect, Officer Talley undoubtedly saved countless lives. His heroic actions and remarkable bravery stand as a stark reminder of the danger that law enforcement officers face every time they pin on their badge.

Good people like Officer Talley represent the best of America. He was deeply committed to his faith, his family, and his community. He saw a need in his community and felt so strongly that he could contribute to his community that he made a mid-career change to serve as a member of the Boulder Police Department. His deeply held convictions are admirable, and his sacrifice deserves commendations that our human institutions are unable to offer. Colorado will be forever grateful